

**BUENA VISTA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD**  
**BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA**  
**Budget Public Hearing**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**March 28, 2023**

**W. P. Ramsey Education Center**

**ATTENDANCE: School Board Members** – Present: Teresa Ellison, John Rice, Mac Felts and Lisa Kerr. Absent: Wayne Flint – illness, John Roberts - work and Roy Mohler - work. Also attending were Dr. Tony Francis, Gennifer Miller, and Sandra Mohler.

Meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence were observed.

**Budget Public Hearing**

This budget includes the following: 7% increase for all positions, completion of the teachers' pay band, based on the Governor's budget, media specialist position for elementary level, elementary nurse and we are requesting additional funding from the City of \$215,261 for a total of \$2,509,064. The composite index and the State determine the amount of money the City is required to give to the schools. We still don't have final numbers from the State as the General Assembly has not finalized the budget. Budget is based on ADM of 825. The Nutrition budget of \$780,053 is also included for your review. You will need to approve the Nutrition budget as well. If the City doesn't approve the increase, then we will need to amend the budget.

**Regular School Board Meeting**

Present – Teresa Ellison, John Rice, Mac Felts, Lisa Kerr and John Roberts. Absent – Wayne Flint – illness and Roy Mohler – work. Also attending were David Lawhorne, Baylee Slagle, Gennifer Miller, Dr. Tony Francis and Sandra Mohler.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence were observed.

The agenda was amended to add CCEIS Report under Informational Item G. Mac Felts made the motion to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by John Rice and passed by a 5-0 vote.

**Recognitions**

Senior of the Month for January – John Snider and March Senior of the Month – Nathan Williams  
Employee of the Month for February – Rad Patterson and March Employee of the Month will be recognized in April.

**Presentations**

Wi-Fi Transmitter – Tom Roberts, Director of Community Development presented a request to attach a Wi-Fi transmitter at Enderly Heights Elementary School in order to improve internet access at Glen Maury Park. Enderly provides a clear path or bridge to transmit internet signals to the park. Would need to connect in to Enderly's server. This would not affect the internet service at the school.

### **Perkins Grant Application**

Mike Gibson presented the 2023-2024 Perkins Grant. The amount of the grant is \$22,751.71 and will support staff professional development, field trips to local educational institutions, businesses, and industry, and site license for iCEV multimedia curriculum, LearnKey digital literacy license, CADLearning, and the purchase of 15 HP desktop computers. We received 100% on last year's CTE students and teacher's annual performance report. This is very difficult to do.

### **Rockbridge Area Special Education Advisory Council**

Juli Gibson is asking the Board to approve appointments for a two-year term for the Advisory Council. The council consists of parents, community members, teachers and members from the local community college. Three local school divisions joined forces in order to become more active and to promote more items of interest for our parents, teachers and administrators.

### **Title VI-B 611 Flow-Through and Section 619 Grants**

611 Flow-Through will fund salaries and benefits of 1 teacher and 4 full time paraprofessionals, a portion of PK SPED paraprofessional and Comprehensive Coordinate Early intervention position. Total grant is for \$239,915

Section 619 Preschool Grant funds for a portion of paraprofessional salary of \$9,360.20.

Welcome of Visitors – No comments

### **Consent Agenda**

Mac Felts made the motion to approve the consent agenda that included the minutes for the Feb 23, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting and the minutes of the March 9, 2023 Budget Work Session, vendor and payroll payments. It was seconded by Lisa Kerr and passed by a 5-0 vote.

### **Action Items**

- A. Mac Felts made the motion to approve the Perkins Grant, seconded by John Rice and passed by a 5-0 vote.
- B. John Rice made the motion to approve the council members for the Rockbridge Area Special Education Advisory Council, seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 5-0 vote.
- C. Mac Felts made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Plan including Part B 611 Flow-Through and Section 619 Preschool Grant Application. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 5-0 vote.
- D. After Board discussion, Mac Felts made the motion to approve the move of the Second Grade from Kling to Enderly for the 2023-2024 school year. It was seconded by John Roberts and passed by a 5-0 vote.
- E. The Budget Resolution of Enactment for 2023-2024 was read. Mac Felts made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 Budget, seconded by Lisa Kerr and passed by a 5-0 vote.

### **Informational Items**

**Policy Committee Report** – No updates at this time.

**Finance Committee Report** – Finance Committee met last night, all vendor and payroll payments were approved. We are 66% through the school year and we have spent 55%.

**Additional School Board Reports** – No additional reports at this time.

**Student Representatives** – Reported on current and future academics, activities and events held at PMHS. Seniors are preparing for graduation. Presented updates on extracurricular activities. Spring sports are underway. Drama is performing Sister Act this Friday and Saturday.

**Superintendent's Report** – Spoke about the situation in Nashville. We will continue to make our school as safe as possible. We will apply for School Security grant this summer. Working with the Sheriff's office to obtain a 2<sup>nd</sup> SSO officer at Enderly.

**Instructional Report** – Working on grants with Denise. We were able to get panels for the classrooms at Enderly. We also have grant funds to redo the training room. Purchase new tables, chairs and technology. Working on scholarships. The SSO, Sherrie, myself and possibly the SROs will attend the safety conference this summer.

**Sped/Nurse Report/CCEIS** – Special Education report is in your packet. Nurse report – went through procedure for managing care for a child with diabetes. Also provided training for staff. Attended the mandated training. Both nurses continue to be busy. We have 43 applications for kindergarten and 32 applications for the preschool program.

CCEIS –Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervention Services. 15% of SPED federal funding must go towards our CCEIS plan. This equates to a total of \$37,639.05, which will be used to pay the salary and benefits of a CCEIS Coordinator/Response to Intervention Teacher. The State determined that a change in policy and procedures was needed for speech. A response to intervention model has been established to serve students with mild articulation errors. We anticipate serving 30-50 students in this model between Kling and Enderly. The program will consist of 1-2 sessions each week for 30 minutes. Students will receive targeted remediation for 9 weeks. The RTI coordinator will receive training, coaching and professional development from the Speech/Language Pathologist. A formal probe will be administered every 4-6 weeks by the Pathologist. Students will maintain accuracy levels of 85-90% for a minimum of 4 weeks before a student would be considered for dismissal from the RTI program. By May 31, 2024 the number of students identified under Speech/language impairment category will not exceed 50 students. Mrs. Gibson answered questions from the Board.

**Maintenance Report** – A number of CIP items have been completed. Deck at Kling, gates are in place at Enderly, slats are being installed on the fence, lifts at Enderly are in place, water bottle fountains have been installed at PMMS, work on the field house at PMHS has been completed, teacher recruitment is done and the grant for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year SSO grant has been completed. Made a request for carpet from Mohawk. Putting together a work list for the summer help.

Mac Felts made the motion to go into Closed Session for the consideration and discussion of personnel matters as it relates to performance, appointments, new hires, resignations and retirements according to {State Law § 2.2-3711 (A) (1)} It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to adjourn Closed Session. It was seconded by Lisa Kerr and passed by a 5-0 vote.

The Certification was read and the Board was polled:

Mr. Felts – yes

Mr. Roberts – yes

Mrs. Kerr – yes

Mr. Rice – yes  
Ms. Ellison – yes

Lisa Kerr made the motion that we hire Michelle Poluikis as a SPED Paraprofessional, effective 2023-2024 school year, pending satisfactory background check. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Lisa Kerr made the motion that we hire Benjamin Manning as a Teacher in Buena Vista City Public Schools, effective 2023-2024 school year, pending satisfactory background check. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Lisa Kerr made the motion that we hire Zach Fowler as a Teacher in Buena Vista City Public Schools, effective 2023-2024 school year, pending satisfactory background check. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Lisa Kerr made the motion that we hire Brenda Walton as a Principal in Buena Vista City Public Schools, effective 2023-2024 school year, pending satisfactory background check. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to accept the resignations of Kara Fix, Teacher and Kimberly Moss, Teacher effective June 2, 2023. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Lisa Kerr and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Teresa R. Ellison  
Teresa Ellison, Chairman

27 April 2023  
Date

Sandra Mohler  
Sandra Mohler, Clerk

4/27/2023  
Date